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Mr. Howard Roffman
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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This is in reference to your letter requesting information pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Preliminary processing reflects that the Criminal Division may have records within the scope of your request.

However, because of the volume of requests received by the Criminal Division pursuant to the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, we have acquired a substantial backlog of requests, which like yours, will require the examination of records. In order to be fair to all requesters, we are completing requests in the order in which they were received in proper form (i.e., in the case of Privacy Act requests, when proper identification and designation of systems to be searched have been received; in the case of Freedom of Information requests, when the records requested have been reasonably described).

Your request is number 123 on our list of requests requiring the examination of records. We have presently completed processing through approximately number 52. Please be assured that we are exercising all possible diligence, given the volume of requests and personnel limitations, to process requests received by us as rapidly as possible. We will complete the processing of your request as soon as we have completed those received prior to yours.

If you feel that exigent or unique circumstances exist which warrant that your request ought to be taken out of order and processed ahead of other requests, please communicate the nature of the circumstances to us. We will, if the circumstances warrant, make every effort to expedite such a request. Your request bears file number FOI 1626. Correspondence concerning your request should be addressed to E. Ross Buckley, Attorney in Charge, FOI/Privacy Act Unit, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should indicate the above file number.

You are advised that if you deem our failure to comply with the applicable deadlines to be a denial of your request you now have a right to administrative appeal pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Section 16.5(d). The appeal should be in writing and addressed to the Deputy Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit), Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Sincerely,

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